Year Plan (1972—77) and Sixth Five Year Plan (1980—85) is Rs. 2391.76 lakhs and Rs. 14575.86 lakhs respectively. The details are as under:—

(Rupees in lakhs)

	Calcutta	Bombay	Delhi	Madras	Total
Fifth Five Year Plan (1972—77)	315.67	635.09	1165.53	275.47	2391.76
Sixth Five Year Plan (1980—85)	556.70	4638.42	7610.72	1770.02	14575.86

Texts of the Indus Valley Civilization

1773. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Amrit Bazar Patrika' dated the 19th October, 1985 under the caption 'Indus Valley texts deciphered'; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the language used in the texts of the Indus Valley Civilization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Russian scholars have claimed that the language used on the Indus Valley Seals belongs to the Dravidian Group. While a number of valuable studies have been made, there is lack of unanimity amongst the decipherers themselves regarding the nature of Harappan language and script.

In the absence of any positive evidence like a bi-lingual seal of eqigraph the claimed decipherment of the so-called Indus Script can be regarded only as another effort. It is, therefore, not possible at present to describe the salient features of the language.

Railway ancillary works for private sector

1774. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to hand over railway ancillary works to private sector; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Central Assistance for development of public libraries in the States

1775. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government provide any financial assistance to the State Governments for the development of public libraries; and

(b) if so, what is the amount of such financial assistance given to the different States during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The Central Government does not provide any financial assistance directly to State Governments for the development of Public Libraries. However, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Calcutta an autonomous organisation fully financed by the Central Government, does provide grants to State Governments, *inter-alia* for development of public libraries.

(b) The requisite information is given in the statement.